

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1999

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

In accordance with provisions of P.L. 106-113, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000, I hereby request the following:

Department of Agriculture

- Farm Service Agency, Emergency Conservation Program: \$50,000,000
- Farm Service Agency, Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program Account: \$178,557,000
- Commodity Credit Corporation, Commodity Credit Corporation Fund, Crop loss assistance: \$186,000,000
- Commodity Credit Corporation, Commodity Credit Corporation Fund, Specialty crop assistance: \$2,800,000
- Commodity Credit Corporation, Commodity Credit Corporation Fund, Livestock assistance: \$10,000,000
- Commodity Credit Corporation, Commodity Credit Corporation Fund, Noninsured crop assistance: \$20,000,000
- Natural Resources Conservation Service, Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations: \$80,000,000
- Rural Housing Service, Rural Housing Assistance Grants: \$14,500,000
- Rural Housing Service, Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account: \$11,099,000

Department of Commerce

- Bureau of the Census, Periodic Censuses and Programs: \$4,476,253,000

Department of Education

- Office of Postsecondary Education, Student Financial Assistance: \$10,000,000

Department of Health and Human Services

- Administration for Children and Families, Low Income Home Energy Assistance: \$1,100,000,000
- Administration for Children and Families, Refugee and Entrant Assistance: \$426,505,000
- Administration for Children and Families, Children and Families Services Programs: \$1,700,000,000
- Departmental Management, Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund: \$583,600,000

International Assistance Programs

- International Security Assistance, Economic Support Fund: \$450,000,000
- International Security Assistance, Foreign Military Financing Program: \$1,375,000,000

These resources will support emergency assistance to our Nation's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities, and will provide essential funding for the 2000 Census, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Head Start, the Wye River Agreement, and other purposes.

I hereby designate the above requests as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of these actions are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William J. Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "W" and "C".

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

December 6, 1999

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available previously appropriated emergency funds for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Education, and Health and Human Services, and International Assistance Programs.

P.L. 106-113, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000, provided certain emergency funding for which the availability was made contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress that includes designation of the amount requested as an emergency requirement. I recommend that you designate the amounts listed on the enclosure as emergency requirements in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required.

The resources that you are making available will address unmet needs of farmers, ranchers, and rural areas due to Hurricane Floyd and other natural disasters, and will support other critical programs, including the 2000 Census, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Head Start, and the Wye River Agreement.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the affected Departments and agencies in recommending that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob J. Lew", is written over a horizontal line.

Jacob J. Lew
Director

Enclosure

**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED
MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT**

Department of Agriculture

Farm Service Agency:	
Emergency Conservation Program	\$50,000,000
Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program Account	\$178,557,000
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Commodity Credit Corporation Fund, Crop loss assistance	\$186,000,000
Commodity Credit Corporation Fund, Specialty crop assistance	\$2,800,000
Commodity Credit Corporation Fund, Livestock assistance	\$10,000,000
Commodity Credit Corporation Fund, Noninsured crop assistance ...	\$20,000,000
Natural Resources Conservation Service:	
Watershed and Flood Prevention	\$80,000,000
Rural Housing Service:	
Rural Housing Assistance Grants	\$14,500,000
Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account	\$11,099,000

Department of Commerce

Bureau of the Census:	
Periodic Censuses and Programs	\$4,476,253,000

Department of Education

Office of Postsecondary Education:	
Student Financial Assistance	\$10,000,000

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families:	
Low Income Home Energy Assistance	\$1,100,000,000
Refugee and Entrant Assistance	\$426,505,000
Children and Families Services Programs	\$1,700,000,000
Departmental Management:	
Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund	\$583,600,000

International Assistance Programs

International Security Assistance:	
Economic Support Fund	\$450,000,000
Foreign Military Financing Program	\$1,375,000,000

P.L. 106-113, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000, included emergency funding contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. The amounts listed above have been so designated by the President.